

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nestor Rekalde Arrieta, et al.

Serial No.: Unassigned

Filed: Herewith


For: OUTER JOINT PART WITH SUPPORTING DISC

Attorney Docket No.: GKNG 1267 PCT

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service via "Express Mail" under Label No. EV771866415US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

December 27, 2005
Date of Deposit

Angie Moscovitz


Signature

**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56**

Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the art listed and identified on the attached PTO form is being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of each of the listed references is included herewith. A review of the European Patent Office determines that patents DE 103 13 739 and DD 31 220 have no English Abstract available at this time.

It is Applicants' opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from each of these references. The above references are being cited only in the interests of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

10/562430

IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 27 DEC 2005

-2-

GKNG1267 PCT

No fee is believed to be due because this statement and enclosures are being filed with the initial patent application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0476 in the name of John A. Artz, P.C.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTZ & ARTZ, P.C.



Robert P. Renke
Registration No. 40,783
28333 Telegraph Road, Suite 250
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 223-9500

Date: December 27, 2005

IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTD 27 DEC 2005

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitution for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	APPLIED FOR
				Filing Date	HEREWITH
				First Named Inventor	NESTOR REKALDE ARRIETA, ET AL.
				Art Unit	
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	GKNG 1267 PCT

[illegible][illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**